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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. THE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ANKARA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTO MINISTERIAL WAS THE DOMINANT FEATURE OF MAY 23 TURKISH PRESS. THE MAJOR THEMES HIGHLIGHTED BY THE PRESS WERE: (1) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT AMERICA WOULD NOT ABANDON ITS ALLIES OR GIVE UP ITS PRINCIPLES, (2) FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT THAT IF THERE IS NO CHANGE IN AMERICA'S STANCE (CONCERNING THE ARMS EMBARGO) IN THE NEAR FUTURE, US-TURKISH RELATIONS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, (3) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S BREAKFAST WITH REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, (4) MRS. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ISTANBUL, AND (5) THE BURNING OF AMERICAN FLAGS IN ANKARA AND IZMIR.

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2. THE PRINCIPAL EDITORIAL REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

FOCUSSED ON WHAT CONCESSIONS HE MIGHT BE ASKING. SAMPLE
COMMENTARIES:

LIBERAL MILLIYET. "THERE IS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION
NOWADAYS THAT AMERICA AND ENGLAND EXPECT CONCESSIONS FROM
TURKEY...AND ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE OPPOSITION,
THE RPP IN PARTICULAR, FROM BEING DIFFICULT ... ACTUALLY TURKEY
HAS TO MAKE HER DECISION NOT ACCORDING TO HOW THE FOREIGN
COUNTRIES WISH, BUT THROUGH HER OWN FREE WILL. ALTHOUGH IT
IS POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, THIS
WILL BE ACCEPTED BOTH BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPPOSITION FOR
THE SAKE OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, NOT BECAUSE OF OUTSIDE PRESSURE."

POPULAR GUNAYDIN. "WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES REJECTS THE BILL? TURKEY WILL SERIOUSLY REVIEW
ITS RELATIONS WITH AMERICA. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL
COME FOR THE INCIRLIK BASE, BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE STATUS
OF CERTAIN BASES SUCH AS KARAMUSEL AND OTHERS WILL BE REVIEWED.
IF KISSINGER ACHIEVES A POSITIVE RESULT FROM HIS BREAKFAST TALK
WITH ECEVIT, THIS WILL AFFECT NOT ONLY HIS DESTINY, BUT ALSO THE DE-
CISION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS
POSITIVELY."

LEFTIST CUMHURIYET. "IN SPITE OF EVERY INSISTENCE BY THE
TURKISH GENERAL STAFF, NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE IN RELATION TO THE
AMERICAN BASES....KISSINGER HAS CHOSEN WELL THE TIME FOR
HIS SECOND VISIT. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY
IN REALIZING HIS DEMANDS THIS TIME AS FAR AS THE GOVERNING
PARTIES ARE CONCERNED."
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